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## CONSTANTINE REPUBLICAN,

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MUNGER & COWDERY,

Every Wednesday Morning, at the Office of Canine and  
Water street, at their Printing-Office and Book-  
store, over the Bank, stairs, south side.

To all subscribers who commenced previous to  
number 20—

Three Dollars per annum in advance, two dol-  
lars and fifty cents within the year, or three dollars at  
the expiration of the year. But—

To those commencing with and after No. 20—

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lars and fifty cents within the year, or three dollars at  
the expiration of the year. But—

Advertising at the usual rates.

## SCHOOL BOOKS, A New Supply—

among which are—  
Lathrop and Clark's cheap Testaments;  
Definition and common English Readers;  
Blake's Historical Reader;  
Webster's and Walker's Dictionaries;  
Webster's and Walker's Geographies & Atlases;  
Parley's Geography and Tales; (maps);  
Kirkham's, Murray's and Greenleaf's Gram-  
mars; Ostrander's and Colburn's Arithmetic;  
Blake's Natural Philosophy;  
Introductory Reader, Juvenile Instructor.

For sale by  
MUNGER & COWDERY,  
Constantine, July 27, 1836.

## MUNGER & COWDERY have

a new supply of Miscellaneous, Theological  
and nearly all kinds of School Books; with  
STATIONERY.

Paints, sealing wax, Canine's hair pencils;  
Book cap paper, No. 1, do. No. 2, Plain cap  
No. 1 and 2, Water lined letter paper, Fan-  
cy colored do., Blue laid do., Super satin do.,  
and Blue velvet;  
Ruled Letter Paper—very nice;  
Embossed printing cards, various sizes;  
Small blank cards, large do. colored do.;  
Writing books, blank do., Pencil do.;  
Leather memorandum books, various sizes;  
Colored blanks, White do.;  
Slates, of three sizes;  
Note books, large and small;  
Copy Quills, No. 15 yellow do., No. 30 do.;  
Ink, of first quality;  
Cork Inkstands; Maps;  
Stone Inkstands; various stamps;  
Ladies' pocket books, double and single  
do., large pocket books;  
Patent rulers, round do. different sizes;  
Wood sandboxes, Japan do.;  
Large boxes wafers, small do.;  
Conversation cards, Steel pens;  
Carpenter's pencils, fancy boxes;  
Silver pencil cases, leather do.;  
Ink powder, Toy paints, &c.

## BLANK BOOKS.

1 quire long fold blank book, 1 quire broad do.,  
quarto do.,  
8 and 6 quire full bound Ledgers;  
5 quire full bound Journals, and hand and for  
4 and 5 quire Day Books, large Alphabets,  
small do.;  
6 quire half bound Ledgers, 6 gr. Journals do.,  
13 quire and single do.;  
For sale by  
MUNGER & COWDERY, in the Printing-Office, over  
the Bank: stairs on the south side.

## JUSTICE'S BLANKS.—MUNGER

& COWDERY have just printed an assort-  
ment of BLANKS, for Michigan and Indiana.

## BLANK WARRANTS,

" SUMMONS,"  
" CAPIAS,"  
" VENIRES,"  
" SUBPENAS,"  
" EXECUTIONS, &c. &c."

and a new and splendid form of BLANK DEEDS,  
printed on script type, for Indiana and Michigan.  
Call and examine.

## MUSIC STORE.—MUSICAL IN-

STRUMENTS of every kind, and in  
great variety, kept on hand and for  
sale at the Detroit Bookstore, (old stand of S.  
Wells, deceased) where those wishing to pur-  
chase are invited to call and examine for them-  
selves. The following are some of the articles  
among the stock now on hand:  
Two very superior German Violinolas;  
Kent Bugles, Post Horns, Hunters' Pocket do.,  
Flutes with French keys, and without;  
Pitch pipes, Tuning forks, Violin mutes,  
Capo D'Astros, Guitars, with single and doub.  
le bottoms, small Guitars, Panderon Pipes,  
Bagle crooks and various instruments;  
Pops and bows, Piano and Guitar strings,  
Picks, common and extra, Flageolets and Clar.  
ionets, Violins, an extensive assortment, among  
which are to be found one of Clendons' famed in-  
struments, and one containing the stamp of  
Thomson. Admirers of the Violin are invited to  
call and examine these on a large assortment of P.  
ANO MUSIC, well assorted;  
Piano instructors, Preceptors for the flute, fife,  
&c., Admired also for the flute, violin, fife,  
bugle and flageolet;  
Also, L'Accordeon, Mouth harmoniums,  
Portable music desks, Bass and snare drums,  
&c. &c.

As soon as navigation opens, every addition  
which the market requires will be received, and  
the assortment kept full. Piano-fortes will be con-  
stantly kept on hand, together with all the new  
music as soon as it is published. Music Associa-  
tions will be furnished with every thing in this  
line, on the most reasonable terms.

L. L. MORSE,  
Detroit, June 20, 1836.

## CABINET WARE HOUSE.—Ten

dozen below the Mansion House, Main  
street, WM. G. FORTNEY respectfully informs  
the public that he continues his business at the  
above stand, where he manufactures and keeps  
constantly on hand every description of Cabinet  
Ware, comprising Sofas, Couches, Sideboards,  
Secretaries, Bureaus, Book Cases, Wardrobes,  
Pier, Centre, Card & Toilet Tables, Scroll  
bottom Tea do. Ladies' Work do. and Stands,  
Music Stools, &c. On hand a full assortment  
of White and Egyptian Marble Tops, for Centre  
and Pier Tables, Bureau Top and Wash Stands,  
Lakewares, every description of BEDSTEADS,  
and all other articles in the Cabinet line.  
He has in his employment first rate workmen,  
and his materials are as good as can be procured  
in the country or in New York, and he flatters  
himself that no rival in the western part of the  
state can turn out finer and more substantial  
work, with greater promptitude.

He also keeps constantly on hand, Mahogany,  
Chest Maple and Painted CHAIRS; like-  
wise, Scroll, Crown, and Roll Top Fancy do.,  
together with common Windsor, and most other  
kinds, all of which will be sold twenty-five per  
cent cheaper than can be purchased in this market.  
Cook's Patent Mahogany Knobs, Mahogany  
boards and veneers, and various, for sale at the  
most reasonable prices. His friends are particu-  
larly invited to give him a call, and patronage  
generally is respectfully solicited.

Buffalo, June 30, 1836.

## CHOICE WINES & LIQUORS.

The subscribers have on hand and for sale,  
a large assortment of choice Wines and Liquors,  
consisting of St. Croix Rum; New England do.;  
French Brandy; Holland Gin; Old Whiskey;  
Malaga Wine, Port do., Madeira do., French do.,  
&c. &c. which he offers for sale on the  
most liberal terms. To tavern keepers and oth-  
ers who purchase in quantities to sell again, a  
liberal discount will be made.

JOHN S. BARRY,  
Constantine, Dec. 14, 1836.

## HEALTH.—BAILEY'S CHEMICAL

COMPOUND FLUID EXTRACT OF  
SARSAPARILLA, for purifying the blood, and  
removing all diseases arising from impurities of  
Mercury, exposure and imprudences in life;  
Scrofula, King's Evil, White Swelling, diseases  
of the liver and skin, constitutions weakness,  
chronic and nervous affections, &c. &c. It has  
also been found a most useful spring and fall pu-  
rifier of the blood. The rapidity with which  
this article has sold, and the very flattering re-  
commendations it has received, are evidence of  
its superior efficacy. The subject is a com-  
mon one, and the communications in the hands of the  
proprietor.

In calling attention to the medical virtues of  
this celebrated plant, I would advert to the fact  
familiar with every physician, that a numerous  
class of diseases arise from the impure state of  
the blood, which this active remedial agent is so  
efficacious in purifying. The great importance  
attached by medical practitioners to the prop-  
erties of the Sarsaparilla has engaged the attention  
of chemists, as to the mode of preparation in  
which its virtues can be most advantageously  
combined. Their experiments have resulted in  
the discovery that the Chemical Compound Flui-  
d Extract is decidedly superior to any other pre-  
paration in which it can be used. Since the introduction  
of the Fluid Extract, it has grown into rapid and  
extensive use, and its reputation is constantly in-  
creasing. We consider it one of the most valuable  
articles in the Materia Medica, and find a ma-  
terial advantage in the standard preparation of U-  
niform strength which is obtained by the Fluid  
Extract. Its superiority over the Decoctions and  
Syrups sometimes made use of, is strikingly ap-  
parent. It obviates the necessity of preparing fresh  
decoctions every day; and does not surfeit and  
nauseate the stomach with the large proportion of  
sugar which has to be taken with each dose of the  
syrup, and which renders it incapable of holding  
much of the pure extractive matter in solution.  
One bottle of the Fluid Extract is fully equal to a  
gallon of the syrup, or the decoction, as usually  
prepared.

The virtues of this valuable medicine cannot  
be too extensively known, as there is scarcely an  
individual who would not be benefited by its use.  
The uniform testimony of medical men in its fa-  
vor, and the great success which has attended its  
production, both in hospitals and private prac-  
tice, is a convincing proof of its value, and of  
its superiority over other preparations of the  
Sarsaparilla.

C. C. BARNES.—Dear Sir: Please send me  
four dozen bottles Bailey's Compound Fluid  
Extract of Sarsaparilla.

I cannot but express my highest sense of grati-  
tude in the result of this extract. Preparation  
has had in the cure of Cutaneous Diseases. In  
every case which has come under my practice, it  
has had the most complete success. Not one—  
even the most obstinate and long standing—but  
has received a permanent cure from this very ex-  
cellent compound. In a section of country like  
this, where the principal diseases arise from a vi-  
cious state of the blood, I think the introduction  
of your preparation will be of the most eminent  
service.

I consider it the nearest preparation of sarsa-  
parilla I have ever met with, and as such I am  
hesitatingly giving it my earnest recommendation.  
Truly yours, &c.

For sale by C. C. BARNES, sole proprietor,  
207 Main street, Buffalo. Price 75 cents per  
bottle.

N. B.—Observe that none can be genuine  
without the signature of the proprietor in his own  
hand writing.

The public are cautioned against a spurious  
copy, August 2, 1836.

## NEW GOODS.—The subscribers

note to their old friends and customers,  
and the public generally, that they are now  
receiving a large supply of goods, direct from N. Y.,  
selected with great care: the wines and  
liquors purchased from the importers and war-  
ranted to be pure articles, which they offer for  
sale at wholesale and retail as cheap as can be  
procured from any other house in this city; a  
mong which are the following viz:  
SUGARS.—Brown, Porto Rico, brown  
Havana, loaf, lump, Muscovado.  
MOLASSES.—Sugar house, West  
India.  
COFFEES.—Java and Rio.  
TEAS.—Imperial, pouchong, young hy-  
son, hyson skin, hyson in catty boxes, 13  
lbs. each for family use, and in canteens  
of 2 lbs. each.  
WINES.—Port, Madeira, Tenerife, mus-  
cat, Gibraltar cherry, Champagne, Roderer  
brand, prints and quarts silver tops, claret,  
Mars, Burgundy.  
FOUR.—London and Philadelphia  
pinks and gurgles.  
BRANDY.—Champaign, Pellen, Peach,  
Cognac, Bordeaux.  
St. Croix and Java rum; Holland and  
American gin.  
TOBACCO.—Cavendish, large and  
small papers, fancy papers do. lb. and half  
lb., canisters do.  
SNUFF.—Macebo, American gents,  
Rappee, Scotch.  
CIGARS.—Principe, Crown, Dos Ama-  
gos, Pellen, American, Alexandria.

Together with a large supply of raisins, figs,  
prunes, almonds, hard and soft shell, Madras  
nuts, pea nuts, fibbers, Brazil nuts, nutmegs,  
saleratus, indigo, loaf, ginger, English can-  
dles, powder, African pepper, white and red,  
cod fish, herring, mackerel, corn, both brist, sweet  
oil, ground coffee, pepper, saffron, mustard 1 lb.  
and 4 lb. Windsor soap a great variety, black-  
ing, nomenclature books, fine wafers, capers,  
Tamarind, assorted cordials, ground pepper, Pe-  
mento and Cassia; lemon, raspberry and straw-  
berry syrups, licier and loco loco matches; can-  
dles, oil, cocoa, wine, vinegar, assorted pick-  
les, &c. &c.

ALSO a handsome assortment of knives and  
forks, carvers, pocket knives, forks, razors, sea-  
saw, shears, iron tinners, spoons, plated do., por-  
celain, molasses gates, iron dog collars, brass  
do., cork saws, razor straps, fish lines, hemp do.  
chalk do.; Dressing combs, pocket wallets, clasp  
do., 1000 light brown do., 1000 American  
pans, silver pencils, persimmon cups, pocket  
compasses; hair, shaving, tooth, hat, clothes,  
crumb and shoe brushes; snuff boxes, wire  
trivets, wire racks, shaving bowls, wood rat  
traps, clothes lines, hump, and manilla do. 1, 2,  
3 and 4 rope, nails of various sizes. Together  
with many other articles, too numerous to men-  
tion in this advertisement. Call and see.

C. C. BARNES & L. M. BULL,  
Detroit, August 3, 1836.

## 2000 PRINCIPLE CIGARS:

3000 brown Havana do.; 3000  
Pellen do.; 3000 dosamagos do.; 3000 half Span-  
ish do.; 1000 light brown do.; 1000 American  
pans. Smokers may be supplied with the above by  
the box, bunch, or thousand, on liberal terms for  
Cash only. ADAMS & APPLETON.  
Constantine, Nov. 9, 1836.

## NEW STORE & FRESH GOODS

receiving an extensive assortment of English,  
French and American DRY GOODS, Hard-  
ware, Crockery and Glassware, Paints, Oils and  
Greases, all of which he offers for sale to the  
citizens of Constantine and vicinity on the most  
reasonable terms. ALLEN GOODRIDGE.  
Constantine, October 5, 1836.

## 300 BOTTLES, large and small,

superior black writing INK, also,  
Sears's superior Red Ink, just received, and for  
sale at the Bookstore of  
MUNGER & COWDERY.  
Constantine, July 18, 1836.

## SMITH & BOWMAN, having receiv-

ed a re-supply to their former stock of Goods,  
which consisted of—

Dry Goods, Groceries, Hardware, Cut-  
lery, Medicines, Crockery, School Books,  
Blank Books, Boots and Shoes, Looking-  
Glasses, Window Glass, 7 by 9, 8 by 10,  
and 10 by 12.

All of which they offer for the lowest cash pri-  
ces. They would also inform their friends and  
customers, both in St. Joseph and Kalamazoo  
Counties, that their Flouring mill will be in op-  
eration by the 15th February, when they will be  
ready to answer all orders for flouring and bar-  
reling, or grinding Custom work.

They would further give notice that all persons  
living on the south side of the river, and coming  
to mill or to trade at their store, they will give  
them a pass which shall pay their Ferrisage across  
to and from Three Rivers.

Three Rivers, Jan. 30, 1837.

## FRESH GOODS.—The subscriber

has lately received a new supply of seasonable  
GOODS, consisting of merino cassimere, green  
colored do.; dark prints; shagwens; wool-  
en blankets; Canton flannels; woolen socks;  
woolen gloves, lined cotton do.; worsted com-  
forters, &c. &c. Also a supply of cotton batting,  
wicking, and wadding; which he will sell to  
gether with his former stock of goods, at the  
lowest prices for ready pay.

C. L. MILLER,  
Constantine, Nov. 15, 1836.

## JUST RECEIVED, a splendid as-

sortment of TABLE WARE, consisting of  
Table Cutlery, Pocket  
Knives, Razors, Scissors,  
Shears, Brass and Glass Commodes, Knobs,  
Pads, Trunk and Door Locks, Knockers, Door  
Latches, Blind Fasteners, Candle Sticks, Pock-  
et Pistols, Screw and Screw Drivers, Brit-  
annia Zinc and Tinned Iron Table and Tea Sets,  
every variety of Hinges, Spurs, Curry Combs,  
Facets, Shoehorn and Tongue, &c. &c. &c.

Also, a great variety of Whips, Whistocks,  
Riding Whips, &c. &c. For sale by  
ISAAC J. ULLMANN.

## FOWLER & COFFIN, BRISTOL,

Little Mouth Elkhardt, Ind. are now offer-  
ing an extensive assortment of Goods to which  
they respectfully invite the attention of the pub-  
lic in this vicinity—among which are Dry Goods,  
Groceries, Hardware, Iron and Nails, Crockery,  
Boots and shoes, Hats and Caps, ready made  
clothing, Dress Medicines, &c. &c.; together  
with a variety of Goods, embracing almost ev-  
ery article adapted to the country trade, all of  
which they will sell at prices that offer induc-  
ements to customers.

N. B. Produce of all kinds taken in exchange  
for goods. January 18, 1837.

## READY MADE CLOTHING.—

Just received from New York a large as-  
sortment of Ready Made Clothing, consisting of  
pair of sattinet vests, cloth do., bombazine do.,  
silk velvet do., plain silk do., stormer do., fancy  
Marselles do., Canton flannel drawers, do. of  
shirts, woolen do. shirts and drawers, blue blue  
shirts, green do. do., brown do. do., ladies'  
Tonska, sattinet and mole skin coats; sattinet,  
cloth and mole skin pants; cotton pants, &c. &c.  
JOHN S. BARRY,  
Constantine, October 12, 1836.

## MILES' PILLS AND JULEP.—

The Genuine Hygienic Medicine of the  
American College of Health. The subscriber  
having been appointed sole proprietor of the  
west part of Michigan, for the sale of the above  
Medicine, and publications of said College, is pre-  
pared to appoint agents, on application, in all the  
different parts of his district, for the sale of the  
Volusia, Mar. 1, 1837. GEO. FREES.

## SUBSTITUTE FOR CALOMEL.

—Miller Filix, the Genuine Hygienic Me-  
dicine of the American College of Health, proves  
on trial to possess all the good qualities, and none  
of the deleterious consequences of Calomel. For  
sale by  
GEO. FREES, District Agent,  
Volusia.

Also, H. B. Houston, Kalamazoo; Milo Wins-  
low, Allegan; Charles Gregory, Ann Arbor; Jas.  
Herron, Charlestown; Shindler & Co., Coldwater;  
Martin C. Whitman, Whitmanville; Kellogg &  
Chapin, White Pigeon; W. A. Sanger & Co.,  
Marquette; W. T. House & Co., Constantine;  
Smith & Bowman, Three Rivers; James Smith,  
Schoolcraft; Sub-Agents.

## DISSOLUTION.—The Co-Partnership

heretofore existing under the firm of W. T.  
House & Co. is by mutual consent this day  
dissolved.

All demands in favor or against the firm of W. T.  
House & Co. will be settled by J. S. Ullmann,  
who is authorized to settle the same.

W. T. HOUSE,  
J. S. ULLMANN,  
W. H. ADAMS.

Constantine, February 9, 1837.

## THE undersigned hereby gives notice

that he will conveyance, take proofs and  
acknowledgments of Deeds, mortgages, take af-  
firmations, protest bills of exchange, and attend  
to all other business pertaining to the  
duties of his office.

JAS. EASTMAN JOHNSON,  
Notary Public, in and for the County of St. Jo-  
seph. White Pigeon, March 1, 1837.

## DRUGS.—Lee's pills; gum Myrrh; sup-

earb. soda; Tartaric acid; Dyeing; refined  
sponges; licier matches; crude borax; refined  
do.; gum camphor; em. tartar; red precipitate;  
cod Liver; African pepper; liquid opodeldock  
oil of spike; British oil; oil of sweet  
tonic mixture; terab vetiv; sweet and castor oil,  
&c. &c. JOHN S. BARRY.  
Constantine, Oct. 12.

## PARANETTE, has just received

a lot of the Old French Trading House, Not-  
tawapen Prairie, an extensive assortment of  
Dry Goods, Groceries, Hardware, Boots and  
Shoes, Saddlery, and all other articles usually  
kept in a country store, all of which he offers to  
sell as low as can be bought in any other store  
west of Detroit, for cash.

Nottawa, Jan. 25, 1837.

## COOPERING BUSINESS.—The

subscriber having established himself in  
Constantine, respectfully informs the public,  
that he keeps on hand and will make to order, all  
kinds of pork and beef barrels, pine wood tubs,  
churns and pails, iron hoops, and all other ar-  
ticles in his line of business. Well buckets on  
hand, ready for use. Shop, corner of Third  
and Cass streets. ROBERT S. BUCKLE.  
Constantine, Dec. 14, 1836.

## ELIAS BOLTON SMITH, M. D.

ATTORNEY AND COUNSELLOR AT LAW,  
AND SOLICITOR IN CHANCERY, and GENERAL  
LAND AGENT, for Indiana and Michigan;  
Office, south of the Court House,  
fronting the public square, Toledo Street.  
Aug. 24, 1836.

## LONDON BOTANIC VEGETA-

BLE SOAP, so justly celebrated for its  
superior qualities, was introduced by the sale of  
every kind from gentlemen's clothing; also, oil,  
paint, tar, &c., without doing the least injury to  
either cloth or color. For sale by  
C. C. BARNES.

Buffalo, June 30, 1836.

## GROCERIES.—NEW SUPPLY, just

received. Two half-pints Cognac Brandy,  
two do. St. Croix Rum, Loaf and Lump Sugar,  
Muscovado do., Coffee, Salsaparilla, Box Raisins,  
Perry Sauce, Bar Soap, Spanish and Common  
Sugars, &c. &c. for sale at reduced prices, by  
C. L. MILLER.  
Constantine, Jan. 24, 1837.

## From the New-York Book

SPRING IS COMING.

BY JAMES NACK, THE DEAR AND DOUR POET.

SPRING is coming, spring is coming,  
Birds are chirping, insects humming;  
Flowers are peeping from their sleeping  
Streams escaped from winter's keeping.  
In delighted freedom rushing,  
Dance along in music gushing,  
Scenes of life in verdure dressed,  
Smile in animation gladdened.  
All is glory on earth;  
Shout we then with Nature's voice,  
Welcome Spring! rejoice! rejoice!

Spring is coming, come, my brother,  
Let us rove with me no more;  
To our well remembered way wood,  
Flourishing in nature's childhood;  
When a thousand flowers are springing,  
And a thousand birds are singing;  
When the golden sun can suit our  
On the verdant green river;  
Let our youth of feeling out,  
To the youth of nature shout,  
While the wayward breeze is blowing,  
Welcome Spring! rejoice! rejoice!

## PEACE.

No longer I follow a sound,  
No longer a dream I pursue;  
O happy peace, be found—  
Unstable treasure, adieu!

I have sought thee in splendor and dress,  
In the regions of pleasure and taste;  
I have sought thee and seemed to possess,  
But have proved thee a vision at last.

A humble ambition and hope,  
The voice of true wisdom inspire;  
'Tis sufficient if Peace be the scope,  
And the summit of all our desire.

Peace may be the lot of a mind  
That seeks its life in meekness and love;  
But nature and bliss are confined  
To the glorified spirits above.

## THE LIGHT.

BY MRS. RICHMOND.

O, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord! I, &c.

How glad on man's first waking hours  
A lustre pour and fair,  
And as his mind unfolds its powers  
Her cheering smile is there;  
But when his foot life's pathway tread  
And his torn bosom bleeds,  
And darkness fills around him spread  
Her taper's ray recedes.

A brighter torch doth Pleasure boast  
To lure his youthful way,  
A meteor on a rocky coast  
That dazzles to betray,  
But who if his confiding heart  
Bound her fetters loosed,  
The syren hath a poison'd dart  
And loves a secret wound.

God hath a light. It beams sublime  
On every seeking eye,  
When withering 'neath the blasts of time  
With her fairer beam;  
That light we'll seek,  
To pierce the shrouded tomb,  
And guide where tempests never lower  
And sorrow darts not come.

THE GAZ, that excellent and cheap semi-

monthly miscellany, published at Rochester, N. Y.,  
awarded the premium for the best written tale, of  
the 4th number of the present year.

## AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF A STEAM DOCTOR

BY JOHN H. WATTS.

"Oh! let me dream,  
That steam goes with me to the grave alone,  
That o'er my grave a flood of steam  
In mercy may be thrown."

## Songs of Sanguis.

"Is the doctor in?" said an unknown in-  
valid, at the same time protruding a col-  
lection of cadaverous signs (which might have  
once been a countenance) through a crack  
in my office door, (which had been pur-  
posely left open, that the crowd of passers-  
by might observe the casual operations,  
which I daily perpetrated to alleviate the  
sufferings of diseased mortality—and which  
will be minutely explained in my forthcom-  
ing work entitled an "Essay on the human  
system.") "Is the doctor in if you please?"  
reiterated my distressed patient, with an  
imporing voice, as he poked his head far-  
ther through the door, displaying a horrid  
physiognomy, with features distorted into  
an elegant, though affecting expression, of  
that sharp misery which had worn him to  
the bones. "I did not answer immediately  
as I was engaged in extracting the teeth-  
ache from a decayed jaw which sever-  
al eminent physicians had asserted to be in-  
curable. Besides, I was offended because  
the fellow had not sagacity enough to dis-  
cover from *Æsculapian* appearance that I  
was one of the most profound masters of  
the clinical science, besides graver sus-  
pected that 'who steals his purse steals trash',  
and as I had resolved never to throw phy-  
sics to the dogs, or in medical parlance,  
'never to prescribe without receiving a com-  
petent equivalent,' I concluded to let the  
fellow 'sink into his own grave,'

"Unwept, unhonored, and unsteamed."

In a short time my office was crowded  
with patients; I endeavored to dispatch  
them as soon as possible to make room for  
others. Bled one, and blistered another,  
and in the confusion of the moment, mis-  
treated an old woman's tooth by mistake  
(which was all she had left) who had come  
to my office to inquire for a lost child. As  
this was but a trifling incident in the neces-  
sary casualties which occur in the pursuit  
of science, I passed on to another patient  
with some blistering salve in my hand,  
(which I was preparing for another patient  
who had not yet arrived) and requested him  
to hold out his tongue. After I had exam-  
ined it, I left him, but returned in a few  
moments, to look for the blister which I had  
lost, and found that I had applied it to my  
patients' tongue, which was hanging out se-  
veral inches, beautifully vesicated, and  
bursting into abscesses. I rushed towards  
him intending to remove the obnoxious sub-  
stance before the incoherent error should be  
discovered by my other patients, but also I  
by some inscrutable fatality, as I stepped  
forward to grasp the plaster, I trod on the  
tail of a dog (that belonged to the old woman  
with the minus tooth) slipped, fell down,  
with the fangs of the remorseless mastiff im-  
planted in my heel. Here all my ineffable im-  
portance was prostrated in a moment! "Oh  
dog!" I exclaimed, "thou art the conqueror  
—the mighty avenger of my wrongs,  
and the defender of the toothless victim of  
my treachery: like Achilles of yore, my

heel is not invulnerable to the attacks of  
thy insidious teeth. I shall never more be  
'important to the afflicted,' but I shall die  
and a TOOTH shall decide my destiny!"

At this unhappy crisis I ordered my pa-  
tients to disperse instantly. There was a  
general rush towards the door, and all had  
disappeared from my renowned infirmary,  
where they had long sat like patients on  
a monument smiling at grief; except  
the unknown sufferer who again accus-  
ed me with 'is the doctor in, ye're ho-  
nor?' My patience had almost departed  
with my patients, and I made no reply to  
the persevering inquirer, who occupied  
the same seat, as when he entered the of-  
fice hours ago. There he sat—attenuated  
as the last syllable of recorded time,—em-  
anated as a moon-light shadow, and silent  
as a statue; except when he opened a  
mouth which made you think of 'church  
yards yawning' and uttered with doleful  
emphasis 'Is the doctor in, want to see?'  
and then his jaw fell with such a 'specific  
gravity,' and with such a clanking sound,  
you might have mistaken him for a galva